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Title: DETERMINISTICALLY
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STANDARD OF
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
August 16, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 16, 18, 20, 21 and 22. Applicant hereby requests the Examiner to accept the amended claims from the corresponding Patent Cooperation Treaty ("PTO") patent application, International Application No. PCT/US99/18538.

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